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## REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT HOSTS ANNUAL D.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ART EXHIBIT

Work of More Than 300 Students on Display for Travelers

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is pleased to host the **D.C. Public Schools 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Citywide Student Art Exhibition** at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The work of more than 300 students from 75 elementary, junior high and high schools is displayed in the baggage claim level of Terminal B/C. This year's theme is "Creating Meaning, New Ideas and New Views," and includes drawings, paintings, collages, prints and mixed media. The exhibit runs until May 31.

"Art plays an important role at Reagan National Airport," said James E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Airports Authority. "The work of more than 30 professional artists is actually built into the design of Terminal B/C. We are pleased to complement our permanent collection with the artwork from these talented young people."

The Airports Authority will host a reception for students, their teachers and families on Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m.

WHAT: Reception to honor 300 students whose work is on display at Reagan National

Airport, part of the 7<sup>th</sup> annual D.C. Public Schools Art Exhibit

WHEN: Thursday, April 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: Margaret McKeough, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of

the Airports Authority, and Dr. Clifford B. Janey, D.C. Schools Superintendent,

will greet students and their families in the lobby of historic Terminal A.

The group will then proceed to the exhibit area in the baggage claim level of

Terminal B/C.